

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1657
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COOPERATIVE BANKS
B.K. PARTHASARATHI

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have taken any steps to ensure that the Cooperative Banks are given preference in Financing National Consortiums such as food credit consortiums etc.; and

(b) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHRIPAD Y. NAIK)

(a) & (b): No such steps are required to be taken by the Government for ensuring that the Cooperative Banks are given preference in financing National Consortiums such as food credit consortiums etc. as the Cooperative Banks are already members of various Credit Consortiums including National Consortiums for financing food procurement operations which are finalized each year by the Reserve Bank of India (RBI). Based on the surplus funds available with Cooperative Banks, NABARD makes recommendations for their participation in the Credit Consortium to RBI.